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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6687**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 307**

**NOTE PREPARED: Jan 6, 2009**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Silver Alert for Missing Endangered Adults.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Miller

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill creates the Silver Alert Program to alert the public regarding missing endangered adults. The bill renames the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children as the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults (Clearinghouse). This bill also requires the clearinghouse to operate the Silver Alert Program in addition to operating the Amber Alert Program. The bill makes conforming changes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill will increase the workload of the Indiana State Police (ISP) to include information regarding missing endangered adults in the Clearinghouse, along with missing children. The bill expands the population of individuals that can be listed in the Clearinghouse and can potentially increase the information that law enforcement would be required to transmit to Silver Alert Program participants.

Currently, Missouri has an Endangered Persons Advisory that is similar to the Amber Alert system. Missouri reported that there are no costs associated with their program, which is used to develop and coordinate the efforts of law enforcement and the media in order to increase public participation in safely recovering endangered missing persons by increased communication and effective resource sharing.

Missouri's program is a cooperative effort between the Missouri Department of Public Safety, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Missouri Police Chiefs Association, the Missouri Sheriffs Association, and the Missouri Broadcasters Association.

ISP was unable to provide information regarding the impact this legislation would have on operations and expenditures. [This fiscal note shall be updated as information is provided by ISP.]

*Background Information:* A search of the National Center for Missing Adults website revealed that in Indiana, 26 individuals are listed as missing. This search does not include how many adults were reported as missing and were later solved or how many adults are reported missing per year.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill will increase the workload of local law enforcement to provide identifying information on missing endangered adults for inclusion in the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults. Actual increases in workload will depend on how many reports of missing endangered adults are received by local law enforcement.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** ISP.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:** Captain Beck, ISP; National Association of State Units on Aging.

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